MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR & DIRECTOR

Dear Chippewa County Community Members,

Thank you. Because of your investment in our community, as of June 30, 2020 the Community Foundation of Chippewa County has over $20 million in total assets. Because of you, more than $2 million in contributions were granted this past year to help support and make important investments in our great community.

As we struggled with the impacts of COVID-19, we were able to provide funds to those that needed support quickly. We could not have done so without the generous giving and foresight of donors that have made permanent contributions to the foundation.

Gifts from you have a lasting impact in our Chippewa County Communities. Since 2001, the Foundation has helped donors turn their generosity into support and philanthropy. We would like to thank all of those who have played a role in the formation and growth of the Foundation…and most especially you!

Your gifts make our work possible.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lori Geissler, Board Chair      Jill Herriges, Executive Director

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OUR MISSION
To enable donors to achieve their philanthropic goals, to meet changing community needs, thereby benefiting the communities, people, and other nonprofit organizations of Chippewa County.

OUR VISION
The Community Foundation of Chippewa County will be recognized as a trusted leader by encouraging philanthropy, delivering the highest quality donor services, and being a collaborative partner and leader in addressing important issues that will strengthen Chippewa County now and well into the future.

We will accomplish this by listening and staying connected to donors, maintaining trust and credibility, and remaining flexible in our approach.

SERVING CHIPPEWA COUNTY

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JIM FALLS · LAFAYETTE · LAKE HALLIE · NEW AUBURN · STANLEY · TILDEN
Earl and Hazel “Hess” Morrison Fund

They had the community volunteer spirit, and we thought this was a way for them to continue to serve the community of Chippewa Falls where they spent so many years,” shared their son, Donald.

Deb Buckli’s parents met during World War II. Earl “Morry” Morrison served on a U.S. Navy minesweeper, and Hazel “Hess” Morrison enlisted in the Army Nursing Corps. Their wartime romance led to marriage, a family of two children and a successful business.

In 1956, the couple settled in Chippewa Falls, where Earl and his brother, Roy, owned and operated Morrison Implement, a John Deere dealership. “As busy as they were, they would spend endless hours volunteering,” Deb shared. “I just thought it was a blessing that they would do that.”

Earl passed away in February 1999 and Hazel in May 2019. Deb, who lives in Chippewa Falls, and her brother Donald Morrison, who is a professor of philosophy at Rice University in Houston, Texas, set up the Earl and Hazel “Hess” Morrison Fund. The unrestricted fund, which endowed last November, will support grants to Chippewa County nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Earl belonged to several organizations, including the Chippewa Falls Rotary Club, Tripoli Shriners, Elks Lodge #1326, Masonic Lodge #176 and UW-Stout Alumni. He and Hazel were active at First Presbyterian Church.

Deb remembers helping her father deliver roses for a Rotary Club fundraiser. “He was the top Rotary rose salesman. He was so proud of that,” she said.

Deb and her two sons helped her mother deliver food for Meals on Wheels. Hazel, a registered nurse, also volunteered with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, Open Door Clinic, Girl Scouts, Literacy Volunteers of America and a student mentoring program.

Deb, a teller at Northwestern Bank, helps at a Chippewa Falls food pantry and Agnes’ Table herself. “My parents showed me the importance of volunteering,” she said.

Community Foundation Funds

Community Foundation Operating Fund
Gifts to this fund support the operations of the Community Foundation, ensuring the continuation of our work throughout Chippewa County.

Community Foundation Endowment Fund
Unrestricted Fund; accepts gifts for endowment, including otherwise undesignated memorial and tribute gifts and bequests; supports our Community Needs Grants that are made at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Community Foundation Board Grant Fund
Unrestricted Fund; supports our Community Needs Grants; grants are made at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Response-Recovery-Rebuild Fund
Unrestricted Fund; to serve and support nonprofit organizations now by providing them flexible resources to address the impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis throughout Chippewa County and to be here for future crisis situations.

Endowed Funds - Permanently Restricted

An Endowment Fund is managed, invested and kept in perpetuity to provide earnings for the benefit of a charitable cause on behalf of an individual, family, organization, or business.

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds enable our foundation to address our region’s changing needs by increasing Community Needs grant awards and undertaking new community initiatives. These funds are vital for the support of many local nonprofit organizations that enhance our quality of life.

Current Funds

July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020
Funds have been established by individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to benefit the people of Chippewa County.

* Indicates a new fund was established during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
** Indicates a fund became endowed during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
These funds support areas of interest that may include arts and culture, community development, education, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services. The Foundation Board awards Community Needs Grants to organizations and programs in the area the fund holder wishes.

LUKE BATHKE SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support students in special education programs.

BERGEN FAMILY FUND *
Grants support the area of Health and Human Services within Chippewa County.

JIM AND JACKIE BERNIER ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support nonprofit organizations providing programs of a spiritual nature for nursing home residents in Chippewa County.

ROBERT AND FRANCES BOWE AND FRED R. BOWE MEMORIAL FUND
Grants support sustainable and nature-related endeavors in Chippewa County.

DR. BERTHA M. BRESINA ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support Chippewa County Veterans Services.

CODY FAMILY FUND **
Grants support positive mental health activities for youth from low income families.

DENNIS AND BONNIE FERSTENOU FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support nonprofit organizations that provide food security in Chippewa County.

HEYDE HEALTH SYSTEM FUND
Grants support nonprofit organizations providing programs of a spiritual nature for nursing home residents in Chippewa County.

ROLAND AND HELEN IRWIN ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support endeavors that help clean Chippewa County waterways.

GERALD H. AND ANN C. JACOBSON FUND
Grants support wildlife and its habitat, or parks in Chippewa County.

MARY AND JERRY JACOBSON FAMILY FUND
Grants support youth in Chippewa County.

RUSS AND GLORIA KAZDA ENDOWMENT FUND
Created in memory of Russ and Gloria’s son Chad Kazda, grants support nonprofit organizations that provide programs addressing issues associated with mental illness, particularly depression.

CAREY B. KELL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support beautification in Chippewa Falls.

NORM AND MARY ELLEN KELLER FUND *
Grants support cultural and recreational opportunities to Chippewa County residents with an emphasis to serve those who are financially or physically challenged.

PEGGY LINDOO ENDOWMENT FUND *
Grants support the area of arts and culture within Chippewa County.

CHEF AND IRENE LINDSEY ENDOWMENT FUND
Established for their parents by Ann and Dave Gordon; grants support civic, humanitarian, recreational, cultural, aesthetic, environmental and education needs in the Chippewa Falls and Lake Wissota area.

EDWIN AND EVELYN NYHUIS CENTENNIAL FUND
Grants support agencies and institutions primarily serving the City of Chippewa Falls, with projects, programs and services related to public libraries, public parks and recreation, youth, senior citizen welfare, animal welfare, and community health.

PATRICIA QUIGLEY-ANDERSON ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support dental health care and dental education.

SANDRA AND ROGER ROBARGE FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support education and/or community development endeavors in the Holcombe and Cornell area.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SERVICE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support youth community service activities and programs of Chippewa County nonprofit organizations.

CHARLES J. AND SALLY E. SMITH CORNELL COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the betterment of the Cornell community.

DR. MAHMOUD TAMA ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support mental health urgent medical and social needs.

THE WANE FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support fire prevention, safety, smoke detector, or fire victims assistance programs.

WARREN AND VIRGINIA WERMUND ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support school and community programs for Lake Holcombe youth.

BERGEN FAMILY FUND

Max Bergen served as a B-17 tail gunner during World War II. While flying over Germany on his 22nd bombing mission, his plane was shot down. He and his crew were captured and held as prisoners of war until liberated by Patton’s Third Army in 1945.

His experiences – growing up in poverty without his murdered father, fighting in WWII, spending 14 months as a POW – could have made him bitter but didn’t, his sons said.

“It was important for him to give back as he felt blessed in so many ways,” Rick Bergen said.

“In tribute to their father, Mark Bergen of Holcombe, Robb Bergen of Holcombe and Rick of Chetek, established the Bergen Family Fund. The endowed fund supports health and human service projects.

“We, as a family, are very proud of our father and all he accomplished in his lifetime. He was a loving and caring father, husband, and grandfather to us all. He was our first teacher and role model. He never sought recognition or glory; he just lived his life with an open heart and a true spirit of giving. He always believed in helping others, and he gave of himself so fully. He always said, ‘I hope that it will inspire other people as an example to give back unselfishly.” Robb said.

Mark, who grew up in Cameron, died at age 96 in April. His wife of 70 years, Florence, passed in 2017. They spent their last years in the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls, where Max would talk and pray with residents of Chippewa Falls. Former clients wrote a poem praising him as a good listener who treated everybody with respect, everybody.

“Max liked the idea of someone getting a helping hand,” Robb said.

Mark credited a strong faith for Max surviving in prison camp, where he contracted diphtheria and lost 100 pounds. A lack of documentation meant Max couldn’t prove he was injured in combat. With the help of Wisconsin Veterans Home Commandant Mark Wilson, he received a Purple Heart for his service 72 years after the war.

“Dad’s generation was his greatest generation so far. So many ordinary people were thrown into extraordinary situations. Dad really rose to the occasion,” Robb said.

“It’s hard to live up to, in a way. We try,” Mark said.

“The man had a great sense of humor. He was a great storyteller. He really knew how to entertain people,” Robb said.

Max gave in so many ways,” Rick Bergen said.

“He treated everybody with respect, everybody, regardless of who they were,” Mark said.
Norm and Mary Ellen Keller want to assure everybody in Chippewa County can enjoy the parks, music, and arts as they have. “We are interested in doing what we can for people who do not have access to places others take for granted,” Norm Keller said.

The Kellers, who live on Lake Wissota, opened a field of interest fund with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County last fall. The fund supports the following programs that help financially challenged families to attend cultural and recreational events in the county: major improvements to Irvine, Riverfront and Erickson parks in Chippewa Falls; programs and improvements at the Heyde Center for the Arts; and programs and improvements at county parks that help medically or physically challenged individuals enjoy the amenities.

“Our big emphasis is on places that are free to the public, and especially in terms of children and adults who can’t take advantage financially or physically of some of the places,” Mary Ellen said.

“We like to support what we can,” her husband said, which has included sponsoring a small-animal cage at Irvine Park and the Riverfront Park fountain. They enjoy listening to music at Riverfront. “I have no music ability. That doesn’t mean I can’t enjoy music. Riverfront Park allows anybody that enjoys live music an opportunity to do so,” Norm said.

Erickson Park, near Glen Loch, features a handicapped-accessible fishing pier, boat launch and boardwalk. “We love to see people using it,” Mary Ellen said.

They have three sons and four grandchildren. Norm headed up the Eau Claire office of Blue Cross Blue Shield before retiring in 2003.

“I think we’re just trying to provide a real sense of community,” he said. “The Community Foundation provides an easy and efficient way to support our community now and in the future through legacy giving.”

The fund will provide cultural and recreational opportunities to county residents, with a focus on those who are financially or physically challenged.
N. JOE HERTZFELD ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants provide scholarships through the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Foundation for students wishing to pursue an education in art and design.

JAMES AND AMELIA HOPKINS – MASONIC LODGE F. & A.M. NO. 176 EDUCATIONAL FUND
Grants provide scholarships for worthy children who are residents of Chippewa County.

IRON WILLY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation for transportation assistance to families with medically fragile children facing urgent and critical situations.

IRVINE PARK ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support improvements to Irvine Park.

WILLIAM IRVINE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support maintenance to Irvine Park.

JOSEPH W. JOAS DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

THOMAS J. JOAS AND JULIE A. JOAS ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

TOM AND PAM KELL FAMILY FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

JAMES & MARGARET KERN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support scholarships for McDonnell Central Catholic High School graduates, selected by teachers, with an emphasis on first-generation university-bound seniors.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CHIPPEWA FALLS PEGGY RATHBUN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants provide scholarships for students pursuing a technical education.

LOOPY AND LORI KLEICH ENDOWMENT FUND
The fund holder is working with the Community Foundation on the parameters of this fund.

LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support efforts to preserve Lake Wissota and protect its surroundings, enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and the aesthetic value of Lake Wissota as a public recreational facility.

ARLENE AND GENE A. LOPAS ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

HAROLD D. “MAC” MCDONALD ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the Chippewa County Historical Society’s annual “The Past Passed Here” event. The remaining amount available to grant is left to the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

MENTOR CHIPPEWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Grants support student scholarship awards for students who have been in the Mentor Chippewa Program.

DENNIS AND CAROLE MCKESH FUND **
Grants support the Bloomer Historical Society and the Chippewa County Historical Society.

GEORGE A. MILLER AND ALICE MILLER LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND •
Grants support the Cadott Community Library through the Village of Cadott.

IRMA M. AND VINCENT E. MILLER ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support projects and programs related to the historical preservation of the Cadott community through the Cadott Area Historical Society. Grants also support the habitat, wildlife, environmental, and nature-related endeavors at Otter Lake through the Otter Lake Booster Club.

NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDOVED SCHOLARSHIP FUND **
Grants support scholarships for graduates from the New Auburn School District.

BILL OLSON ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

HOWARD L. AND JOANNE M. OLSON FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support special events sponsored by Chippewa Partners.

JOHN R. AND ELLEN A. O’NEIL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

OPERATION BACKPACK FOR ENDANGERED CHILDREN ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support Chippewa County authorities to purchase items to hand out to children who are taken from their homes during the emergency time of removal.

PAUL WALTER SCHAUS, M.D. ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support Agnes’ Table in Chippewa Falls.

SWANSON ENDOWMENT FUND FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
Grants support professional training opportunities for Foundation staff members.

MARVIN AND RITA TANZER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

BILL AND ALICE THORPE MEMORIAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Grants provide scholarships for Stanley-Boyd High School students. TROOP #3055 MEMORIAL FUND *
Grants provide scholarships through the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Foundation for students who participated in Girl Scouts and wish to pursue post-secondary education.

DORIS VENNARD NURSING ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants provide scholarships to worthy and needy Chippewa County High School graduates who are pursuing a degree in the nursing profession.

SHEILA AND BILL VOLKER CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS FIRE, And EMERGENCY SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the City of Chippewa Falls Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Departments to be used for equipment and community relations.

SHEILA AND BILL VOLKER IRVINE PARK ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support improvements at Irvine Park.

WELCOME TO CHIPPEWA FALLS U.S. FLAG ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the purchase, display, and maintenance of the large flag flown on the East Hill in front of the Heyde Center for the Arts.

WISCONSIN TREE IDENTIFICATION FUND
Grants support permanent identification and the purchasing of indigenous trees of Wisconsin found in Irvine Park and along the bike trail in downtown Chippewa Falls.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDs
Donor Advised funds allow fund holders to be actively involved in providing annual grant recommendations for consideration by the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Grants from the following Donor Advised Funds provide support to area nonprofit organizations and programs recommended by the fund holders.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY SUNSHINE FUND
DENNIS AND JEANNE BOISVERT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
CALLAHAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT FUND
Gienapp FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
PAT AND GARY GRAY FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
GREENHALGH MEMORIAL MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND
JOHN AND MARY HOFKES FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
DONNA & BOB HOGESHET FAMILY FALLSOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND
PETER AND SUE HOLM FAMILY FUND
HULS ENDOWMENT FUND
DAN AND LINDA HUNT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
HAROLD AND MARIAN HUNT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
DAVID AND PATRICIA JANKOSKI FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
KIEFER FAMILY FUND
KIWANIS CLUB OF CHIPPEWA FALLS ENDOWMENT FUND
KOEHN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
BILL AND MARY LOU LEINENKUGEL ENDOWMENT FUND
JACOB LEINENKUGEL BREWING CO. EMPLOYEE ENDOWMENT FUND
JAKE AND PEGGY LEINENKUGEL FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
LIVING LAND ENDOWMENT FUND
JOHN A. AND JANE E. MASON LUBS FAMILY FUND
JODIE MUELLER FAMILY FUND
RIDE ON RILEY FUND
FRANK SCHLICK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
SENN FAMILY FUND **
STANLEY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
SKIP AND JILL THALER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
JAMES AND ARLENE WRIGHT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
JASON S. ZUNKER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

* For details on the above funds, please refer to the Community Foundation of Chippewa County.
AGENCY FUNDS

Nonprofit agencies and organizations may establish Endowment Funds with the Foundation to serve the purposes of their organization into perpetuity. Grants are used to support their organization.

ALS SUPPORT GROUP OF NW WISCONSIN FUND
BEYOND BOOMERS CLASS REUNION ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND
CARING FOR FOREST HILL CEMETERY FUND
CHIPPEWA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FUND
CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT VOYAGER ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL CARDINAL ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY COLLECTIONS FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA RIVER INDUSTRIES EMPOWERMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION KIDS ON ICE ENDOWMENT FUND
COOK RUTLEDGE MANSION ENDOWMENT FUND
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND
LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK ENDOWMENT FUND
MENTOR CHIPPEWA ENDOWMENT FUND
NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR ENDOWMENT FUND
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMAN ENGENES FUND
STANLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND
UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY ENDOWMENT FUND
JOHN WILSON MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND

PEGGY LINDOO ENDOWMENT FUND

Peggy grew up in Chippewa Falls (1962 graduate of Chi Hi) and though she lived several other places during her life, she found her base and strength in the strong friendships she made in Chippewa.

She loved art, music, architecture, and travel. She taught Spanish, was a realtor, and worked for architecture magazines. Peggy greatly enjoyed working with children, even that difficult in-between age in middle school.

Outside of work, Peggy’s most rewarding experiences were with local community groups dedicated to preserving local architecture. While living in Saint Paul, she volunteered with the Minnesota Historical Society researching nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. She was a member of the Summit Hill Association that worked to preserve the historic character of the neighborhood. She brought that expertise with her when she moved to Sacramento, California and helped pass ordinances to preserve Sacramento’s neighborhoods.

Peggy thought it was important that all kids be able to stretch their imaginations and aspirations through art and music. With this in mind, Peggy’s family set up the endowment fund with Arts and Culture as the Field of Interest.

Peggy Lindoo (middle) with her sister Jeanne (left) and sister Susie (right).

Peggy was diagnosed with progressive multiple sclerosis in her late 40s, and was forced to give up many activities that gave her pleasure, including travel. But she never lost her love of music and architecture, (or her strong opinions - once saying that she couldn’t believe the Baroque period gave rise to such wonderful music and terrible architecture).

Peggy Lindoo (middle) with her Uncle Max Lindoo (left) and colleagues while visiting an archeological site in Turkey in 1970.
Zwiefelhofer, who was severely injured in the accident, belonged to Troop #3345 last year. “So many people, organizations, and businesses showed their support during and throughout this very difficult time. Giving back is central to the Foundation’s work, and we are grateful to have been able to assist with the process to forever honor Troop #3055 through the creation of an endowed fund,” said Jill Herriges, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County.

“Girls in Troop #3055 have become a close-knit group. While girls often drop out as they grow older, these Scouts are staying involved as they move on to middle school,” Kelley said. “I think the girls are going to do a lot of great things. They’re motivated. They want to keep giving back.”

Kelley, who teaches Art at Halmstad Elementary School, has decided to leave Scouting, but she, Brian and their daughter Terra remain close with the troop’s families. “The families are doing as well as can be expected. The support helps. You just find ways to move forward,” Kelley said. “I hope the fund reminds people to think about what could happen with the choices they make. Every time we remind people of the tragedy, we remind people to make better decisions.”

In the midst of tragedy, Chippewa Falls and surrounding communities poured out their support for the Scouts. Their donations built the Girl Scout Troop #3055 Memorial Fund. “We are still getting donations. People are still thinking of us,” said Robin Kelley, leader of Troop #3055 and one of the fundholders. “That’s very humbling.”

The fund honors Jayna Kelley, Autumn Helgeson, Haylee Hickle, and Haylee’s mother, Sara Jo Schneider. Sadly, they were engaged in community service, picking up litter along a road, when they died in a vehicle crash.

Each year, the fund will award a scholarship to one Chippewa Falls Senior High School senior who was a Girl Scout at some point. Jillian Raschke, a 2020 Chi-Hi graduate, received the first scholarship, totaling about $1,900. “It reminds the community who gave so much in 2018 that we can give back in a positive way,” Kelley said.

That means a lot to Kelley and her husband, Brian. “It is important to Brian and I that Jayna’s death was not in vain,” she said.

“We want the little girls and mother to be remembered. The fund gives back, and we won’t forget them,” said fundholder Paula Gerrish of Chippewa Falls. She is the leader of Troops #3345 and #3101; Madalyn Zwiefelhofer, who was severely injured in the accident, belonged to Troop #3345 last year. “So many people, organizations, and businesses showed their support during and throughout this very difficult time. Giving back is central to the Foundation’s work, and we are grateful to have been able to assist with the process to forever honor Troop #3055 through the creation of an endowed fund,” said Jill Herriges, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County.

“The fund spreads awareness of Girl Scouts,” Kelley said. Scholarship applicants write about how Scouting has influenced them. They need to be college-bound, whether to a technical or four-year school. “When the girls are writing the essay, it helps them reflect on what Girl Scouts gave them,” Kelley said. “Some you could tell had green blood.”

This year’s applicants wrote about building friendships, developing leadership skills, and helping others in the essays. Girl Scouts allows girls to try new activities, learn business management skills, set and complete goals, and build confidence, these leaders said. “It gives them a safe place to be a girl,” Kelley said, noting Haylee Hickle stayed with her troop even after moving to a different area. “It gives them something to be part of,” added Gerrish, the mother of three Scouts.

Their troops have participated in service activities such as preparing meals at Agnes’ Table, making cards and ornaments for nursing home residents and earning money to buy Christmas gifts for children who wouldn’t get any otherwise. “Girls in Troop #3055 have become a close-knit group. While girls often drop out as they grow older, these Scouts are staying involved as they move on to middle school,” Kelley said. “I think the girls are going to do a lot of great things. They’re motivated. They want to keep giving back.”

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HUNTER’S HOPE SEEDLING FUND

Hunter T. Johnson was our son, a brother, a father, and a friend. He lost his life to addiction at the young age of 24. We – Tom (TJ) and Beth Johnson – have established Hunter’s Hope Seedling Fund in our son’s name to assist others who struggle with addiction and associated mental health issues in the Chippewa Valley.

Hunter was a happy child who loved trains, dinosaurs, and animals – especially dogs. As he grew older, he loved the outdoors, especially Lake Wissota, where he lived almost all his life. He loved wakeboarding, hunting, fishing, and canoeing in the Boundary Waters with his friend Devin. He enjoyed documentaries and The Discovery and History Channels. In school, he liked CAD class, where his teachers admired his engineering skills. He was intelligent, but school and structured learning were not his forte. Maybe because his drug use started in middle school and continued for over a decade.

Hunter’s addiction stripped away his mother and father’s firstborn son; it took the love and companionship of his only brother; most devastatingly, it left his six-year-old daughter without her father, whom she truly loved. “We had hopes of fishing and hunting trips. We see things everywhere, every day that remind us of Hunter and bring us to tears. For years, our relationship with Hunter was strained, but in his last days, we made amends.”

Addiction changes the brain’s chemistry – it’s a disease just like cancer. heroin is a demon; its grip is fierce. Hunter told us that he “prayed for the release of the pain and fear in his head” and that he wished he could “stop the chaos.” Addiction carries a stigma that drug use is a lifestyle choice. But not one addict has ever said, “Today, I’m going to become a junkie and throw away every important thing in my life.” But addicts can learn to control addiction through skills learned in treatment centers.

The complexity of addiction is compounded by the overwhelming expenses incurred for treatment and the lack of affordable facilities. Created in memory of Hunter, this fund will be used to help others who face addiction issues in the Chippewa Valley.

SEEDLING FUNDS

A Seedling Fund is a vehicle that allows donors (or charitable and other tax-exempt organizations) to build a named fund now, then bring it to the endowed level over time with either lifetime or estate gifts. Creating a Seedling Fund is a great alternative for donors who want to build their charitable assets over time while meeting their philanthropic goals.

DITMAR R. BRAUNE SEEDLING FUND

To be determined; the family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

BRUNET ISLAND STATE PARK SEEDLING FUND

Designated Fund; established in memory of Melvin and Betty Gosse, grants will support the quality of the park’s programs and will provide the little extras to park visitors that make their experience unique and special.

CHIPPEWA FALLS MAIN STREET SEEDLING FUND

Agency Fund; distributions will support operations and programs of Chippewa Falls Main Street.

JACK AND DOROTHY CHRISTENSEN FAMILY EDUCATION SEEDLING FUND

Field of Interest Fund; grants will support a wide variety of educational efforts and programs.

CORNELL COMMUNITY SEEDLING FUND

Donor Advised Fund; grants will support nonprofit organizations that serve the Cornell community.

JIM AND KRIS DIMOCK SEEDLING FUND

Field of Interest; grants will support the area of education.

TOM AND MARCE GEISSLER FAMILY SEEDLING FUND

Designated; the family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

ROBERT “RUSTY” GILLES YOUTH AGRICULTURAL SEEDLING FUND

Field of Interest Fund; grants will support scholarships or grant awards to allow young adults to attend and participate in agricultural-related conferences, seminars, or training opportunities.

GREAT NORTHERN CORPORATION SEEDLING FUND

Unrestricted; funds will be used for grant-making at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

THAD AND LINDA HERBERT SEEDLING FUND

Designated; the family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

RICK AND HEATHER HUNT FAMILY SEEDLING FUND

Field of Interest Fund; grants will support programs for victims of domestic violence, especially children; extracurricular and academic activities/programs for grades 6 through 12; and legal assistance for the poor.

HUNTER’S HOPE SEEDLING FUND

Donor Advised Fund; grants will support organizations recommended by fund advisors.

BOB AND CATH LEA SEEDLING FUND

Donor Advised Fund; grants will support organizations recommended by fund advisors.
The Community Foundation of Chippewa County (CFCC) has been supporting nonprofit organizations crucial to the well-being of Chippewa County for close to 20 years. Now, in the unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic, these organizations need support more than ever. The Response-Recovery-Rebuild Fund (RRR Fund) was created to provide nonprofit organizations with flexible resources to address the impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis and will remain in existence to address future crisis situations in Chippewa County.

“This assistance means the world to us and the people we serve,” says Gen Segal, Executive Director of the Family Support Center. “This is a very dangerous time for survivors of domestic abuse; they are literally trapped more than ever before. This funding will help us sustain vital safety planning, counseling and 24-hour crisis line assistance services which survivors desperately need.”

The RRR Fund was opened in April of 2020 to support immediate, mid-term and long-term response, recovery and rebuilding efforts in times of crisis with the goal of identifying local needs and gaps in funding and then assembling and applying grants funds where they are most critically needed to relieve distress in our area. CFCC provided the funds needed to establish the RRR Fund, then community organizations and businesses, as well as many individuals supported the fund by sending generous donations to increase the grant dollars available. During the current COVID-19 crisis, grant applications are being reviewed on an ongoing basis with funding decisions being made monthly to allow for appropriate funding to be distributed in the time of need.

The RRR Fund takes a collaborative and strategic approach for addressing community needs through times of crisis. Many local businesses were affected in the spring of 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. An immediate community need identified was the local food pantries. Their food shelves started to become bare and the needs of families grew beyond food necessities and were seeking additional supplies such as hygiene products. Fulfilling these basic needs has literally brought tears to the faces of some of the people who have never frequented our pantry before,” says Jeanee Robert, Treasurer of the Chippewa Valley Family Support Center.

As the COVID-19 health crisis continues to affect our local communities, the RRR Fund will continue to work with nonprofits and charitable organizations that have been impacted by the pandemic. “We have taken this action because we know that many local nonprofit organizations are and will continue to face an increasing demand for services and supplies,” says Jill Herriges, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. “As a permanent public charitable grant maker, CFCC is here for the long-term and will go the distance to support our communities.”

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Pass-through funds are non-endowed funds that are established, usually for a short term, to receive gifts to be used for a specific purpose.

BLOOMER ATHLETIC COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for the construction, maintenance, continuation, and improvement of the complex.

CHIPEWAA AREA HISTORY CENTER PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to build a newly located Chippewa Area History Center in Chippewa Falls, Wi.

CHIPEWAA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BASEBALL FIELD PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to support improvements to the baseball field project.

CHIPEWAA FALLS YOUTH FOOTBALL PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to support expenses related to the youth football program.

CHIPEWAA STRIKERS YOUTH SOCCER COMPLEX PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for constructing soccer fields at Hallie Park.

CHIPEWAA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ICE DREAMS PROJECT PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for an addition onto the ice Arena and other renovations benefiting the entire community and ice hockey/figure skating programs.

CORRELL STACKER PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for the painting and refurbishing of the pulp wood stacker in Mill Yard Park.

ERICKSON PARK PROJECT ON GLEN LOCH PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to build a special park to accommodate community members, of all abilities, who wish to fish from the shore.

F. & E. SIVERLING MEMORIAL TUTOR PROGRAM FUND
Established for the tutoring of students from the School District of Bloomer, outside of the school day, in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.

IRVINE PARK PASS-THROUGH FUND (CAPITAL CAMPAIGN)
Established to support the Irvine Park Capital Campaign.

LAKE HOLCOMBE AREA PRIDE COMMITTEE PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for the needs of the Lake Holcombe School District community.

LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to improve the water quality of Little Lake Wissota and Moon Bay of the Yellow River.

D.R. MOON MEMORIAL LIBRARY PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to support renovation and expansion of the existing public library in Stanley.

NORTHWESTERN BANK SCHOOL MINI GRANT FUND
Established to provide mini grants to Chippewa County 3rd - 8th grade educators to fund innovative learning and motivational activities or service learning projects for their students.

RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD FUND

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT

COOK RUTLEDGE MANSION - PLANTS AND FLOWERS BEAUTIFICATION

“The beautification project also helps local businesses and keeps Chippewa Falls beautiful and thriving. It instills new ideas, adds physical benefits and a sense of pride when groups of people work together for a common goal.”

Will Skora,
Cook Rutledge Board President
Bloomer School District. Grants support scholarships for students from the Bloomer School District.

BLOOMER SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Bloomer School District.

BLOOMER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CHIPEWA VALLEY MODEL A CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GEISSLER PLUMBING SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GOOD CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
BENEDICT HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM CHIPEWA VALLEY: FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MIKE PECHA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
DICK REVOIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HENRY RUFF INSURANCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MELISSA SCHMIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
WILLIAM AND EILEEN SCRITSMIER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FRANK & ELIZABETH SIVERLING MEMORIAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FRANK & ELIZABETH SIVERLING MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
DEREK J. THOMPSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Mr. THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
WHITETAILS UNLIMITED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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We gratefully acknowledge and thank our donors for their generous contributions to charitable funds within the Foundation during our fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

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SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
A Pass-through scholarship fund is for the benefit of donors who do not desire to establish a permanent scholarship fund but would like to give a one-time gift to be used for a scholarship award(s).

NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the New Auburn School District.

NAHS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND
BLOOMER MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CHETEK MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CLASS OF 1966 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
EHRRAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FFA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP PFUND
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SYNERGY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
TROWBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
STANLEY BOYD AREA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Stanley-Boyd Area School District.

STANLEY BOYD AREA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Stanley-Boyd Area School District.

JR. HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
EUGENE AND MARGARET KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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MEMORIALS

Many have found that a fitting way to remember a special someone is through a gift in memory of that person. During times of great sorrow and times of great joy, we look to honor those who will be forever dear to us. A gift in memory of a loved one contributes to a bright future while remembering our past. The following people were remembered with a gift to the Foundation during our fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

HONORARIES

A wedding, retirement, anniversary, birthday, a special memory of an event, or a fiscal year that touched your life are times when people can be honored with a gift. The following honorarums were received during our fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

Honorariums:
- John “Jack” Emanuel
- Ruth McQuillan DiLaura
- Dr. Charles Kemper’s 100th Birthday
- Emma Jorgensen
- Joseph Goettl
- Judith Brogan
- Frederick Dobbs
- Karen Peck
- Jerry and Judy Wing
- Sally Smith
- Joan Genap’s Birthday
- Wayne Griffin

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Mid-States Steel
- Meals on Wheels
- Museum of Chippewa Falls
- Chippewa County Historical Society
- Chippewa Valley Museum
- Chippewa Valley Zoological Society
- Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra
- Chippewa Valley Choral Society
- Chippewa Valley Philharmonic
- Chippewa Valley Women’s Chorale
- First Responders
- Dr. Charles Kemper’s 100th Birthday
- Amelia Schlick’s 21st Birthday
- Susan Westbrook on Mother’s Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Dr. Charles Kemper’s 100th Birthday

MATCHING GIFTS

- BMO Harris Bank N.A. - Paul Salm
- Mason Companies, Inc. Matching Gift Program - Abby and Jordan Braegelmann
- Nordson Corporation Foundation - Karl Maurer

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Judy Brist
- Chippewa Valley Cultural Association
- Duncan Creek Mfg., Inc.
- Mason Companies, Inc.
- UW-Bayfield Foundation
- Edward & Hannah M. Rutledge Charities
- Tim Seyforth
- Spectrum Industries
- Wipfli LLP

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SOCIETIES

Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations dedicated to the long-term viability of our area have made a substantial commitment to the Community Foundation and the causes they care about. Their generosity exemplifies a philanthropic spirit of giving that will help ensure a solid future for our local communities and the Foundation.

FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Individuals who generously donated or pledged to secure the Foundation’s original operating funds.

PLATINUM FOUNDERS

- Dennis And Jeanne Boisvert
- Dennis Heyde
- Gerald H. and Mary L. Jacobson
- Kell Container Corporation
- Carey B. Kell
- Tom and Pam Kell
- B. A. Mason Trust
- Carmen and Gene Mower
- Northwestern Bank
- Gordon and Donna Schafer
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- B. James And Kay Colbert
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- Rich and Sue Johnson
- Mike and Pat Kelly
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- Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.
- Mark and Marcie Myrman
- Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc.
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- Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls
- Bert Swanson
- Steven M. Thaler
- Sheila and Bill Volker

GUARDIAN SOCIETY

Those who generously donated or pledged $5,000 or more to the Community Foundation Operating Fund.

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- Gordy and Donna Schafer

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- John A. Lubs

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- Darin and Kim Senn
- Carol Shepard
- Sheila and Bill Volker
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- John and Mary Hofkes
- Norm and Sue Plourde
- Rex and Vicki Rathbun
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- Kathleen McLoughlin and David Senn
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HERITAGE SOCIETY

Individuals who have created a permanent, named fund during their lifetime or have notified us that they have made provisions for the Community Foundation of Chippewa County in their will or estate plan. Bold type indicates those welcomed in 2019-2020.

Anonymous (3)
- Judy and Wayne Akey
- William and Helen Barnes
- The Family of Delores Banner
- Charles and Vonnie Batke
- Charles and Magalein Bejin

The Family of Max Bergin
- Jackie and Jim Bennier
- Dennis and Jeanne Boisvert
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- William and Mary Lou Leinenkugel
- Gary and Joanne Leonard
- Susan Lindo and Michael Wolsey

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- Dave and Rita Rahle
- Sandy and Roger Robarge
- Gerald Sassama
- David and Amanda Schafer
- Dr. Paul Schaus
- David and June Schill
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- Georgiann Scitsmier
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- Jim and Arlene Wright

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2020 GRANTS

Percentages represent grants made from Designated, Donor Advised, Field of Interest, and Unrestricted Funds.

July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020

- Arts and Culture: 22.3%
- Community Development: 6.4%
- Education: 21.3%
- Environment & Animal Welfare: 21.3%
- Health & Human Services: 42%
- Arts & Culture: 8%

**Arts and Culture** $25,834.62
**Community Development** $20,515.27
**Education** $68,744.65
**Environment & Animal Welfare** $71,928.60
**Health & Human Services** $135,237.86
**TOTAL GRANTS** $322,261.00

$13,207,238
Grants Since Inception

DESIGNATED FUND GRANT AWARDS

Designated Funds allow fund holders to permanently support the work of specific nonprofit organizations or charitable causes that are important to them. The following list of nonprofit organizations or charitable causes received grant funding from Designated Funds through the Community Foundation.

- AGNES’ TABLE
- CADOTT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
- CENTRAL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION, INC.
- CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER, INC.
- CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION
- CHIPPEWA FALLS FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
- CHIPPEWA FALLS KIWANIS CLUB
- CHIPPEWA FALLS MAIN STREET, INC.
- CHIPPEWA FALLS MASONIC LODGE NO. 176
- CHIPPEWA FALLS PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
- CHIPPEWA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
- CHIPPEWA FALLS YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
- CHIPPEWA PARTNERS, INC.
- CHIPPEWA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
- CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC.
- CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
- CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION KIDS ON ICE FUND
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND
- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
- FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
- FEED MY PEOPLE, INC.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHIPPEWA FALLS
- FRIENDS OF LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK, INC.
- GIRL SCOUTS OF THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES
- HOLY GHOST PARISH
- HSHS ST. JOSEPH’S FOUNDATION
- LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
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- MARSHFIELD CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION
- MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
- MCDONELL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION
- NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH
- OTTER LAKE BOOSTER CLUB
- RESPONSE RECOVERY REBUILD FUND
- ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
- THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC, INC.
- UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES
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- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STOUT
- VIITEBO UNIVERSITY
- WILLIAM IRVINE ENDOWMENT FUND
- WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

NORTHEASTERN BANK

MINI GRANT

HOLY GHOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - THIRD GRADE
GETTING HEARD

“…The grant was used to purchase Q-ball, which is a wireless foam covered microphone. It enabled children who are generally uncomfortable speaking in public to be more confident. It was also a great tool for classroom control, as the only person allowed to speak was the person with the ball.”

Barbara Eckwright,
Holy Ghost Third Grade Teacher

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
FEED MY PEOPLE, INC.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHIPPEWA FALLS
FRIENDS OF LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK, INC.
GIRL SCOUTS OF THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES
HOLY GHOST PARISH
HSHS ST. JOSEPH’S FOUNDATION
LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
LANDMARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MARSHFIELD CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION
MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
MCDONELL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION
NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH
OTTER LAKE BOOSTER CLUB
RESPONSE RECOVERY REBUILD FUND
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC, INC.
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - EAU CLAIRE
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WILLIAM IRVINE ENDOWMENT FUND
WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY
The Response-Recovery-Rebuild Fund was created to support nonprofit organizations now by providing them flexible resources to address the impact of the COVID-19 crisis throughout Chippewa County and future crisis situations. Included with the organization is a description of funding distributed from April 30, 2020- June 30, 2020.

**BARNABAS MINISTRIES**
- **INCREASED MEAL NEEDS FOR HOMEBOUND CLIENTS**
- **BLOOMER/NEW AUBURN AREA FOOD PANTRY - STAINLESS STEEL TABLES FOR SAFE SANITARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**CHIPEWAA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - HOTSPOTS FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS**
- **CHIPEWAA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - HOME LEARNING SUPPLY NEEDS**
- **CHIPEWAA FALLS VALLEY FREE CLINIC - MEDICATION ORDERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS AND TO SUPPORT STAFF EFFORTS**
- **CHIPEWAA FALLS FOOD PANTRY - HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR ALL AGES DUE TO INCREASE IN PANTRY CLIENTS**
- **FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - TO SUSTAIN COUNSELING AND SUPPORT RESOURCES AT FULL CAPACITY**
- **FEED MY PEOPLE - TO REDUCE FOOD COSTS FOR CHIPEWAA COUNTY PARTNERS**
- **GIRL SCOUTS OF THE NORTHWESTERN GREAT LAKES - SUPPORT COSTS OF VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING FOR CHIPEWAA COUNTY GIRL SCOUTS**

**DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANT AWARDS**

Donor Advised Funds allow fund holders to be actively involved in providing annual grant recommendations for consideration by the Foundation’s Board of Directors. The following nonprofit organizations or charitable causes received grant funding that was recommended by fund advisors to address issues and needs most important to them.

**BARNABAS MINISTRIES**
- BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE GREATER CHIPEWAA VALLEY, INC. / CHIPEWAA CENTER
- CHIPEWAA AREA HISTORY CENTER PASS-THROUGH FUND
- CHIPEWAA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
- CHIPEWAA COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION, INC.
- CHIPEWAA FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER, INC.
- CHIPEWAA FALLS MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY
- CHIPEWAA FALLS MUSIC ASSOCIATION LTD.
- CHIPEWAA FALLS PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
- CHIPEWAA FALLS SCHOOLS SAFETY PATROLS, INC.
- CHIPEWAA STRIKERS YOUTH SOCCER COMPLEX PASS-THROUGH FUND
- CHIPEWAA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
- CHIPEWAA VALLEY FAMILY YMCA, INC.
- CHIPEWAA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
- D.R. MOON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
- DUNN COUNTY DAIRY PROJECT
- FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
- GIRL SCOUTS TROOP #3055
- HSHS ST. JOSEPH’S FOUNDATION
- JASON’S PRESENTS
- LAKE HOLCOMBE FOOD PANTRY
- LAKE HOLCOMBE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
- LOOPY AND LORI KLEICH ENDOWMENT FUND
- LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF WISCONSIN AND UPPER MICHIGAN
- MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
- PEACE CHURCH
- RESPONSE RECOVERY REBUILD FUND
- SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MAPLE
- SOAR CASE MANAGEMENT, INC.
- ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
- ST. PAUL’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- STANLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY, INC.
- STANLEY-BOYD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
- THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC, INC.

**FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

**GIRL SCOUTS TROOP #3055**

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- Roberta Poirier, Director

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COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT

CORNELL VISITORS CENTER- TECH UPGRADE

The Cornell Visitors Center serves their community in a variety of ways, catering to the needs of tourists and locals alike. Seeing a need to make current and historical information more accessible, the Center used their grant from the Community Foundation of Chippewa County to purchase audio and visual equipment, media storage, and a printer. These items met the immediate needs of tourists who are hiking, biking, and camping while also highlighting the historical artifacts for everyone to learn about the community.

Keeping visitors safe throughout their stay, the TV provides real-time weather updates, news, and information to anyone with limited cell service. Many times a day, people stop in for help with planning their activities and the TV allows them to make informed decisions based on weather conditions. The lack of cell service also poses a safety concern for campers in the neighboring state park and the TV provides immediate information in the event of severe weather.

In addition to the TV, the Center purchased a DVD player to show historical photos and local event videos. “Cornell and the surrounding area has a great historical past. Young visitors will be able to view these documents and pictures in an engaging format,” says Judy Talbot, curator at the Cornell Visitors Center. “Although many of the pictures are in books and pamphlets, this equipment makes it easier to view; giving more information in a smaller amount of time.” The grant also allowed for the purchase of archive materials to organize photos, newspaper articles, and pamphlets in binders so they are easily searchable. The addition of the printer gives the Center the ability to photocopy items for visitors to take with them such as trail maps, yearbook photos, and newspaper articles. The Center is also able to save money by printing their own informational brochures as they need them. “People come in and they don’t want to leave. There is so much to see and learn about the history of Cornell,” says Talbot.

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT AWARDS

Each year, Community Needs Grants are supported by a growing collection of Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds in which donors have entrusted the Foundation with the decision-making in determining grant recipients based on the donors’ interests. Grant funding supports: arts and culture, community development, education, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services in Chippewa County.

- ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION - VOLUNTEER PROJECT
- BLOOMER HIGH SCHOOL - CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY
- CES A 11 HEAD START - SENSORY SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
- CFAUSD - CARDINAL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER- B-FREE PUPPETRY STUDENT SHOW
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF LAND, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY - LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES - STOP AND THINK EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - ERADICATE METH
- CHIPPEWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVANCY - LANDSCAPE SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION
- CHIPPEWA FALLS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS
- CHIPPEWA FALLS MISSION COALITION- LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD
- CHIPPEWA FALLS VALLEY VINEYARD CHURCH - FOOD PANTRY
- CHIPPEWA HUMANE ASSOCIATION- UNIMAC DRYERS
- CHIPPEWA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC. - SENIOR FRIENDLY ARTS SERIES
- CHIPPEWA VALLEY FREE CLINIC - FREE HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR CHIPPEWA COUNTY ADULTS 2020
- CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - OUTDOOR RINK DASHER BOARD SAFETY UPGRADE
- CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPT. - 3RD GRADE FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY PROGRAMS
- COMMUNITIES UNITED IN EDUCATION - COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SAFE COMMUNICATION
- COOK RUTLEDGE MANSION - PLANTS AND FLOWERS
- CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GRAND GREETERS
- CORNELL VISITORS CENTER - VISITORS CENTER TECHNOLOGY
- D.R. MOON MEMORIAL LIBRARY - 2020 SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM
- FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - CHIPPEWA FALLS GROUP CONNECTION FACILITATOR
- FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - FLOWER BEAUTIFICATION
- FEED MY PEOPLE FOOD BANK - HEALTHY MEAL KITS
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - DISTRIBUTE HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR FOOD PANTRY CLIENTS
- GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN GREAT LAKES - GIRL SCOUTS OF DISTINCTION
- GIRLS ON THE RUN - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- HALMSTAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - REMEMBRANCE & HOPE
- JIM FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- PLAYGROUND CAMPAIGN
- L.E. PHILLIPS CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER - BLESSINGS IN A BOX
Otter Lake is one of the finest fishing lakes in Wisconsin, boasting numerous fish species living among the islands and estuary. Along with giving the community a beautiful fishing location, a county campground and day park are located on the northern end of the lake. The park offers a swimming beach, volleyball area, horseshoe pits, and a playground which are enjoyed by campers and community members alike. With many children using the playground each day, the Otter Lake Booster Club noticed a need to update the equipment to comply with current safety regulations.

The original metal playground equipment included a climbing tower, merry-go-round, swings, and slide. All had been at the park for many years. In order to bring the playground up to current regulations, the slide and merry-go-round would need to be removed and safer equipment installed in its place. The Booster Club learned of a local playground that was upgrading base material and had decided to add new playground equipment as well. The Booster Club was offered the piece of playground equipment free of charge if they facilitated the removal and transport.

Once disassembled, it was apparent that the steps, a few safety rails, and two slides needed to be replaced in order for the equipment to meet safety regulations. Additionally, new wood chip base material and a containment border would need to be added to the playground area. Bids were requested but once the moving plans were in place and it was time to order the extra materials, the cost had increased and it was no longer within the Booster Club’s budget. Already in the removal stage, they had to continue the project with the choices of adjusting the existing budget from the lake aerators that keep the fish population healthy or seeking additional funding. "The grant money from the Community Foundation of Chippewa County really saved the project because we didn’t have to adjust funds and then wonder if we would have enough for the aerators that keep the fish population healthy," says Dan Liske, President of the Otter Lake Booster Club.

After receiving the grant, the additional pieces of equipment were ordered and the structure was rebuilt at the park with the help of many community members. Finally, the new foundation of wood chips and containment border was added around all of the equipment, creating a larger and inviting space for anyone using the park.
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L.E. PhiLLiPs CaRREaR DEVELOPmENT CENTEr - BLESSINGS IN A BOX

The L.E. Phillips Career Development Center serves those in Chippewa County who are experiencing poverty and crisis. The grant money is used to stock the Blessing Box, a mini pantry outside the office available to anyone who needs it at any time.

“We have seen people who don’t want to come in, who are maybe ashamed that they need assistance, or maybe others who are unable to come in during our hours of operation so they are able to stop in the evening or at night to see what is in the box,” says Jennifer Barrett, Director of Homeless Services at the Center.

The majority of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County grant was used to purchase easy-to-make meals and meals for families such as pasta sauce and noodles, as well as water in the summer months to help folks in need stay hydrated. The grant has also provided items other than food, such as feminine hygiene products, denture care items, and hand sanitizer. These are commonly asked for by the individuals the Center serves but are not frequently donated.

Being able to stock the Blessing Box with the items people need has helped numerous individuals within the community. “Just in the month of June, we were able to help 99 unique households,” says Barrett. “In other cities, you see the homeless population gathering in various locations but it’s a population we don’t see in Chippewa Falls, yet it’s very real here too.”

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We invite you to make a lasting investment in our community.

The Community Foundation of Chippewa County provides a simple, effective, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of tools to help you achieve your charitable goals. You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to the Foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law.

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CREATE A FUND
We will work with you to create a fund that is tailored to your interests and that will accomplish your goals. Our options are flexible. Your fund can broadly benefit the community or focus on specific issues or organizations. You can establish and build your fund in the ways that work best for your financial and estate plans.

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On March 16, our fellow Board Member and friend, Dave Fish died. We are immensely grateful for his dedication and service as one of the Founders of our Foundation. His leadership and wisdom has made us stronger.

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